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THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Now that the end of the school year is upon us it is time to look back upon our achievements of the past year and to plan for the future. The most important thing to realize is that "time past is gone forever."

You can no longer say to yourself, "I'll take it easy this time (or this year) and then buckle down to work next year." Every failure may mean not only a subject to make up but a weakness in your other terms of work and possibly for years after you leave school. I would like all of you to think this over and realize that time spent in study to pass all your subjects is time well spent.

For the rest, let me wish all of you good luck in your examinations and a pleasant summer.

Louis Auerbach
Louis Auerbach,
Principal

RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS FETED IN AWARDS ASSEMBLY

A special Awards Assembly program was held on Tuesday, June 11th for the presentation of Custom Car Carnival awards, to honor Mr. Henry Caplan, of Caplan Motors, to confer the Science Fair awards, and to honor our athletes.

Mr. Caplan was accompanied by Mrs. Caplan. After receiving from Mr. Auerbach an expression of the school's deep gratitude and a plaque, Mr. Caplan addressed the assembled students and faculty.

Messrs. Peck, Koppel, and Praver, who were introduced by Dr. Cunningham, indicated the winners of the many trophies and awards, which were then conferred by Dr. Cunningham in Mr. Auerbach's name.

A long assembly---but one of our best!

COMPLETE LIST OF THE AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS

WHEEL CHANGING: Freshman Division

La Volpe }
Giacomo } 1st Place - Queens Voc. H.S.

Richard Sciaraffa 2V1 }
Peter Candone 2V1 } - 2nd Place

Raymond Lent 4V6 }
Thomas Finella 4V6 } - 1st Place

Michael Belanger 4V13 }
Richard Mackay 4V9 } - 2nd Place

Peter Micheletti 4V13 }
Francisco Nieves 4V8 } - 3rd Place

Junior Division

Rennae Anderson 4V17 }
Olivers Spann 6V23 } - 1st Place

Charles Williams 5V14 }
Robert Mazzochi 5V14 } - 2nd Place

TROUBLE SHOOTING

1st Place-Sophomores

Nicholas Bianco 4V6

George Tompkins 5V14

2nd Place-PE Shop 339

Joseph Calozza

John Musella (Cont'd on P. 3)

BASEBALL AWARDS

Mr. David Praver, Coach

Major Awards

James Fox

Juan Gerda

Juan Mendoza

Victor Caraccio

Danny Velasquez

Charles Williams

Sal Ardizzone

Angel Nieves

Dan Dannenberg

Gilbert Rodriguez

Randy Alberti

Jack Feingold, Manager

Juan Garcia

John Ruiz

Michael Lish

Joseph Fodera, Captain

Minor Awards

H. McAlman

Jose Velez

John Chalmus

Arthur Johnson

Anthony Gerosino

BASKETBALL AWARDS

Mr. Harvey Kaminsky, Coach

Major Awards

Chas. Williams

Earl Marcus

James Tillman

Alonzo Britt

Wallace Hewitt

Chris Richards

Thomas Riles

George Harris

John Wallace, Manager

Minor Awards

Joseph Fodera

Wm. Elliot

Herman Jackson

Donald Mitchell

Samuel Brown

Wyman Alexander

Sam Quinones

Richard Johnson

Manager

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SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

1st Place - Project
Daniel Vionito, VI3

2nd Place-Project
Frank Banowicz, 4V7
Robert Bassemir, 4V7

Honorable Mention - Project
Craddock, Thomas

1st Place - Poster
Morris Beden

2nd Place - Poster
Frank Banowicz

This year's enlarged Science Fair needed all of the increased space the move to the Gym provided, and justified all of the efforts so industriously expended by Messrs Koppel, Chapman, and Kaplan in bringing it to fruition.

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Each year during the G.O. membership drives there emerges an incessant chorus from a throng of would-be cynics voicing the mercenary and time worn query: "What can I get out of the G.O.?"

The June 11th marathon Awards Assembly, however, provided logical and concrete answer to this subterfuge

Moreover, a fitting climax to what really might have been called "Awards Week" came in the form of a gala trek to William Maxwell Voc. H. S. in response to a warm and cordial invitation from the vivacious young damsels of Maxwell.

This was undoubtedly one of the most impressive and delightful activities of the term. However, the event did get off to a slow start, thanks to the shy reserve of many of our fellows. But once George Parham, Joseph Marzitello, Bennie Johnson, and Robert Bassemir broke the ice, the rest of our delegation of approximately 45 boys abandoned the stag line to the bemused but solitary meanderings of Dennis Bessey.

From this point on the Automotive men skipped the light fantastic with such grace, skill, and drive that the Maxwell lunch room soon seemed as buoyant as the proverbial cloud nine.

One truly hopes that this fine and highly successful occasion marks the origin of a long and mutually pleasurable tradition. Incidentally, why not similar exchanges with other schools? The same arrangement could be effected with quite a few schools.

Think the matter over, G. O. officers, and bring back your decision next September.

Meanwhile, Ladies of Maxwell, Thank You for a most delightful evening!

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MA, HERE'S THAT POET AGAIN !

Be a gorgeous doll, be a gourmet cook,
Always retain a glamorous look;
Scrub and sweep and iron while humming,
It's nice if you have a knowledge of plumbing
But the number one rule (and the greatest by far)
Don't ever put a scratch on my new sports car !

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* THE ART OF CLEAR STATEMENT *

"Every citizen of this country, whether he pounds nails, raises corn, designs rockets or writes poetry, should be taught to know and love his American heritage; to use the language well; to understand the physical universe, and to enjoy the arts. The dollars he gains in absence of enlightenment like this will be earned in drudgery and spent in ignorance."

-Dr. Calvin E. Gross,
New York City Superintendent of Schools.

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"Electronic teaching will make a hundredfold change in the effectiveness of our schools. We are approaching a crisis in education. Our needs are increasing rapidly while our ability to put human resources into the teaching profession is decreasing." --Dr. Simon Ramo, Electronic scientist.

COMPLETE ROSTERS OF ALL AUTOMOTIVE AWARD WINNERS (Cont'd from Page 1.)

Troubke Shooting 3rd Place
 Pasquale Coviello V17 }
 Alfred Forte V17 } - Shop 239

Sophomore Division
 Negron }
 Ortiz } - 1st Place

Codindis }
 Durbe } - 2nd Place

Gagliardi)
 Georgeades) - 2nd Place

Ruiz)
 Santiago) - 3rd Place

CYLINDER HEAD CHANGING

Junior Division
 Joseph Corsello }
 Dominick Cataldo } - 1st Place

Paul Almeida }
 William Eisner } - 2nd Place

Bernard Gibbs }
 Joseph Grant } - 3rd Place

Freshman Division

Richard Spinelli)
 Vincent Pellegrino) - 1st Place

Juan Garcia }
 John Miller } - 2nd Place

Kenneth Wehrt }
 Vincent Mardala } - 3rd Place

Participants from visiting
 schools:

Wade }
 Strand } - Owens Voc. H. S.

Rodriguez)
 Coffono }
 Douglas } - Chelsea Voc.H.S.
 Crup }

TIRE CHANGING

Sophomore Division
 John Cronenberg }
 John Kopacska } - 1st Place

Junior Division
 Joseph Agosta)
 Joseph Corsello) 1st Place

Honorable Mention
 Pickering V26 (37 seconds)

DRAWING

John Ballerini V10 - 1st Place
 Isodoro Gonzalez (J.H.S.110) 2nd Pl.
 Fred Cutrone V17 3rd Place

MODELS

Danny Dannenberg 8V27 - 1st Place
 Jacob Sono, Queens Voc.H.S.-2nd Pl.
 Thompson Edwards 6V20 - 3rd Place

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

MOST POPULAR CAR:.....1949 Chevro-
 let owned by Richards.
 BEST PAINT JOB:.....Farmer
 (Cont'd on Page 5.)

BOWLING - Mr. C. Cimino, Coach.

MAJOR AWARDS

MINOR AWARDS

Dan Dannenberg	R. Amato
R. Poach	P. Passaretti
R. Peterson	J. Holford
G. Tompkins	J. Tonani
P. Scolaro	F. Cutrone
A. Vecchiano	R. Bessey

CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK Mr. C.
Gerginov, Coach.

MAJOR AWARDS

MINOR AWARDS

Cross-Country

Alexander Callender	Almire Burns
Dalbert Clarke	Larry Finch
Robert King	William Clifton
Richard Becker	Joseph Grant
William Bowman	Fred Darling
William White	Gerald Mullen
Richard Johnson	James Mahomes

Track

Alexander Callender	Walter Jones
Dalbert Clarke	Leon Williams
Robert King	James Patterson
Richard Becker	Leon Nixon
William Bowman	Frank Costanzo
Richard Johnson	Jule Patterson
Bennie Johnson	Thomas Riles
Lawrence Wilson	
Joseph Grant	
Ernest Adams	
George Thompson	
James Richardson	
James Coachman	
Steven Watkins	
William White	
Larry Finch	
Almire Burns	
George Parham	
William Clifton	
Fred Darling	
Gerald Mullen	
Craig Garretson	

SOCCER - Mr. T. Hayden, Coach

MAJOR AWARDS

MINOR AWARDS

Charles Byrd	Robt. Estaban
James Carman	Rich Mackay
Anthony Gerosino	Jose Maldonado
Charsin Chin	Major Tinsley
Faro Costanzo	Martin York
Roman Dopilka	
Bill Istchenko	George Grimes
Mario Lopez	Joseph Rawlins
Errol Lowe	Ron Thompson
Howard McAlmon	Donald Tucker
Detleff Rahe	
Pablo Rivera	
Karl Walker	

FENCING - Mr. T. Jacobson, Coach

MAJOR AWARDS

MINOR AWARDS

Phil Pellicane	Henry Carter
Rubin Ortiz	Eddie Texeira
Orlando Colon	Lewis Pascale

Jose Tejada
 Leon Harris

HANDBALL - Mr. P. Lecesse, Coach

Michael Meketen	Fred Carrion
Stacey Johnson	Richard Vega
James Levell	Jose Rousset
Steven Buttacavalli	Francisco Nieves
Eladio Rousset	Richard Higbie

AUTOMOTIVE HIGH DOES IT AGAIN !

Once again. Automotive won the Trade Proficiency Contest, held on June 4th.

Having won this contest year after year, victory is getting to be a habit with us.

However, as Shop Department Chairman Joseph Divone pointed out: "There is nothing unusual about it. We have more boys to choose from than other schools have. Also, our school is a special school and the boys who are admitted are first screened through a battery of tests. Our instruction is more effective because of the A and B schedules, which enable a student to concentrate on his jobs uninterruptedly all day and all week. Finally, and without question, we have the latest equipment and the best teachers."

What does it feel like to win the Proficiency contest? The man who can answer this is Carl Chiaramonte, 8V27. Carl competed against seven students of automotive mechanics from other vocational schools in New York City that teach this subject. Naturally, each school sent its best trained student who would therefore represent the very best that the school has to offer. Thus when Carl won for Automotive, he topped all of the students of automotive mechanics in the City of New York.

The test consisted of 5 practical jobs as well as a written test. Included among the jobs were front-end alignment, ignition timing, trouble-shooting, and the removal of a rear axle seal.

All of the contestants observed close trade standards in their work inasmuch as they were closely scrutinized by five chairman examiners from other schools. In fact, the examiner checked a job only in order to compare each student with the others.

After four grueling hours, one contestant emerged with a score of 77.5. That contestant was Automotive's own Carl Chiaramonte.

For his school Chiaramonte won a magnificent cup---the greatest honor ever! For himself, Carl won a set of tools with a current market value of more than \$300.00. This is sponsored by the Metropolitan Taxi Board of Trade, and is to be presented to Carl at graduation.

(See adjacent column).

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This small car is remarkable?
It's thrifty, safe, and
parkable

I'm glad to know
That this is so.

But is it disembarkable?

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SUMMER JOB ROUND - UP

Here are a few more job prospects well worth investigation.

Amusement Parks

Hiring in amusement parks is done by individual concessionaires. Most employees return each year. It takes about 5000 people to operate Coney Island at the peak of the season.

Farm Jobs

Farm cadet program for high school students offers summer jobs on farms in New York State to 600 to 1000 high school boys, 15½ or older, healthy, weighing at least 140 pounds and able to do hard work. \$15 per week plus room and board. Apply at your high school.

-NYSES Job Bulletin.

MORE ABOUT TRADE PROFICIENCY CONTEST

The boys who participated in the Practical Test conducted at Automotive High School are listed below in the order of highest rank first.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
1.	Carl Chiaramonte	Automotive	77.5
2.	Carl Repitlo	Wm. E. Grady	70.5
3.	N. Chiapparino	Compers	65.3
4.	J. Sandomierski	McKee	56.8
5.	Michael D'Orio	Edison	53
6.	D. Mellia	Bronx Voc.	38
7.	J. DiPalma	Wilson	36.3

The Trade Proficiency Test in Auto Mechanics is an event conducted by the Vocational Division of the Board of Education, City of New York.

Examiners were Messrs. James McGrath, Chief, Ray Nottenson, Allen Fishken, Frank Maher, Saverio Manopoli, and Joseph A. Divone.

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CUSTOM CAR CARNIVAL

We called on the affable Mr. Peck to get some idea of the magnitude of the success of May 28th's Carnival and picked up some very interesting information---as we always do when calling on Mr. Peck.

Many records were made and broken at the Carnival. Here are a few:

Most teachers to participate -
23 faculty members served.
Largest Students' Committee -
46 boys joined in.
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Car Show Award Roster (Cont'd from P. 3)

BEST OF SHOW....

BEST CLUB DISPLAY...4 cars: 1930 Packard, 1950 Hudson, 1958 Chevrolet, and a 1949 Chevrolet.

BEST RADICAL DESIGN.....1950 Ford owned by Frank W. Moyer; 2nd Place by Conservative Custom 57 Ford owned by Nicholas Delaglio.

UNFINISHED COMPETITION... '53 Studebaker owned by Robert Walker, and '51 Chevrolet coupe owned by Tony DeRosa



WHEEL CHANGING CONTEST...

Pickett }
Moore } - 1st Place

Ramos }
Sanchez } - 2nd Place (ChelseaVHS)

---Forrest, V18

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HOMAGE TO HOMEWORK

When Junior deals the
ball a clout,
I cheer at "Safe;" and
groan at "Out;"
In all his sports I have a part.
I am still just a kid at heart
But when he asks that I unmix
"X minus 9" and "Y plus 6,"
I'm never thrilled; I'm chilled
instead-
I'm also still a kid at head.

-Mike Mitchell in the Wall
Street Journal.

AUTOMOTIVE DONATES

Automotive High School students and faculty contributed \$32.50 to the United Negro College Fund Drive. \$7.50 of this amount was contributed by students in Mr. Jackson's EN 6 classes and the rest came from our teachers.

John Harrison and Victor Lopez were co-Chairmen of a group collecting from students. It is to their zeal and efforts that credit is due for our fine showing.

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A STUDENT "THINKING" @

As I sit here staring at the
blackboard,
It occurs to me that many of the
others must also be bored.
I observe the teacher in front of
the room,
I think, however, of the flowers
ready to bloom.
The teachers write, cajole,
and talk.
But all I can think of taking a,
walk.
Teachers talk, beg, threaten, and
nag
But it's the student who's left
holding the bag.-I.Lorenzo V26

"When I was your age I was working twelve hours a day, seven days a week. Glad to see you've got better sense."

* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *

P.O.Box 5
Akabane, Tokyo

Dear sir:

We submit our earnest request for your assistance and cooperation in achieving mutual understanding and amity between your country and ours.

Correspondence among young people of our generation, we feel certain, will assist immeasurably in establishing eternal peace, the elimination of racial and religious prejudices, and the unmitigated happiness of all mankind.

The exchange of letters is main activity of the International Friendship Club. Indeed, the high school students of Japan are so eager to engage in such exchanges that within a few months our organization has swollen to more than 400,000 members. We are prepared to exchange, in English, letters with any of your students who would like to share with us their hopes, ambitions, likes, hobbies, etc. If you will kindly send us the names and addresses of such students, we would be pleased to distribute them among the Japanese boys and girls who make up our organization.

Your honorable Mayor, now a welcome guest in our city, kindly provided us with your name and address.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Yuzo Inoue
International Friendship
Club, Tokyo.

B I K I N I . . . ##
With atom bombs it used to blaze,
But now, how grimly comic,
It's merely something that displays
Attractions anatomic....

-Anonymous

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B A S E B A L L 1 9 6 3 Joseph Fodera, Sports Ed.

CUSTOM CAR CARNIVAL (Cont'd from P. 4)

With a record of 3 wins and 5 defeats, the Automotive nine finished fourth, which represents a climb of a rung or two over last year's team.

Many of our losses were close, well-played games. But they might well have been averted had we not been hounded by injuries to key men such as Jose Mendoza, our regular catcher.

Charley Williams, with a .389 average, led the team in batting.

Losing 8 varsity regulars by graduation, Coach Prayer will face a tough replacement problem next season. Departing seniors are Joe Fodera, 1b, Mike Lish, of, Danny Dannenberg, of, Eddie Ester, 2b, ss, John Ruiz, of, Juan Garcia, p, Randy Alberti, p, and our very capable manager, Jake Feingold.

Likely prospects to replace the outgoing vets are Artie Johnson, and John Chalmus at 1b; Juan Cerda, 2b, and Juan Velez and Howard Mc Almon, outfielders.

Coach Prayer will also depend heavily on Sal Ardizzone and Vic Carraccio to handle the pitching duty.

LAST SEASON'S SCHEDULE

Game 1	Alex Hamilton - 9	Auto - 4
" 2	W'st'ghouse - 4	Auto - 3
" 3	Auto - 9	Whitney - 7
" 4	E. District - 10	Auto - 5
" 5	Alex Hamilton - 10	Auto - 5
" 6	Auto - 3	Westinghouse - 0
" 7	Auto -, 8	Whitney - 7
" 8	E. District 14	Auto - 4

-Fodera, 8V29

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JUNE ATTENDANCE RATINGS

The school attendance average for the week ending June 7, 1963 was 92.8%.

Leading classes for that week were as follows:

CLASS	OFF. TCHR.	%
6V19	Mr. Holena	96.4
8V26	Mr. Cimino	94.7
4V10	Mr. Marwitz	94.6
2V2	Mr. Soave	94.1
8V28	Mr. Lecesse	93.9
4V13	Mr. Rohan	93.9
8V	Mr. Rogers	93.7
6V18	Mr. Chapman	93.7
4V6	Mr. Hayden	94.4
PE30	Mr. Ruvalo	93.1
4V11	Mr. Greenberg	93.2
6V23	Mr. Jackson	93.0

All of the classes listed above were ABOVE AVERAGE in attendance for the week. You have the highest commendations of the Spark Plug, with the sincere hope that you will keep it up next year. Have a nice summer!

- Most competitive events - 4
- Most visitors - more than 300 students, representing 10 schools. (1 school from Long Island attended).
- First time plaques were awarded to dealer exhibits.
- Most dealer exhibits - 3
- First time other schools accepted our challenge to compete.
- Most cars ever - 19
- More trophies and plaques awarded than ever before - 14
- Most students' cars exhibited - 8
- Most prizes ever awarded - \$140 worth.
- Best coverage of the event on TV by Mike Wallace and Harry Arrow.
- Greatest variety and number of decorations and streamers.
- and---we have Mr. Peck's solemn declaration for this---THE MOST aggravation - ever!

The next Carnival is scheduled for May 26, 1964. Start getting ready now---and hoping for good weather.

REMEMBER: your G. O. payments and support made most of it possible.

Finally, Mr. Peck asked us to convey his gratitude especially to Pat DiPippa, Barry Greenstein, John Livigni, Jose Tejada, August Rodriguez, and James Scott for the organizing, typing, and work done preparing the plaques and awards. Without their efforts and cooperation this aspect of the Carnival could never have been accomplished so competently and successfully.

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MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL SUMMER, TOO

One thing we learned from the Maxwell dance (in addition to a few telephone numbers) was the fact that quite a few of our fellows are a bit too self-conscious in conventional social situations.

I suppose such a thing is inevitable in a boys' school, but it should be easy to overcome.

Here are a few pointers:

1. When to talk: when it's easy to do so. Forced conversation is always artificial and fatuous. Moreover, how you speak is as important as what you speak.

2. Avoid the defensive attitude and the defensive tone of voice.

3. Don't be over-apologetic---even when you "goof". Be sorry once and forget it, Charlie.

4. You DO NOT have to chew gum or smoke to be poised. HAVE FUN; SEE YOU IN SEPT.--Bessey